

## Federal Property Management Regulations

## § 101-29.204

### Subpart 101-29.5—Use of and Optional Use of Federal Product Descriptions and Agency Product Descriptions

101-29.501 Optional use of interim Federal specifications.

101-29.502 Use of Federal specifications and interim Federal specifications in Federal construction contracts.

101-29.503 Agency product descriptions.

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#### § 101-29.000 Scope of part.

This part sets forth the policy and procedures for managing and using Federal product descriptions.

### Subpart 101-29.1—General

#### § 101-29.101 Federal product descriptions.

Federal and interim Federal specifications, their associated Federal qualified products lists (QPL's), Federal and interim Federal standards and Commercial item descriptions (CID's) are referred to collectively as Federal product descriptions. They are developed by GSA or other Federal agencies under the Assigned Agency Plan described in the "Federal Standardization Handbook" issued by the Assistant Administrator for Federal Supply and Services (FSS). Product descriptions are coordinated with other Federal agencies having technical, statutory, or regulatory interest in the commodity or other subject matter covered. Generally, before they are issued, Federal product descriptions are reviewed by technical societies, individual industrial producers, and organizations representing industrial producers and consumers.

#### § 101-29.102 Use of metric system of measurement in Federal product descriptions.

In accordance with Public Law 94-168, 15 U.S.C. 205b, the Administrator of General Services shall develop procedures and plan for the increasing use of metric products by requiring Federal agencies to:

(a) Maintain close liaison with other Federal agencies, State and local gov-

ernments, and the private sector on metric matters, and

(b) Review, prepare, and revise Federal standardization documents to eliminate barriers to the procurement of metric goods and services. These actions will occur during the coverage document review or when the agency is informed by the private sector that metric products can be produced in a specific Federal supply classification class.

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### Subpart 101-29.2—Definitions

#### § 101-29.201 Specification.

A *specification* is a document, prepared specifically to support acquisition that clearly and accurately describes the essential technical requirements for purchased material. Procedures necessary to determine whether these requirements have been met are also included.

#### § 101-29.202 Standard.

A *standard* is a document that establishes engineering and technical requirements for items, processes, procedures, practices, and methods that have been adopted as customary. Standards may also establish requirements for selection, application, and design criteria so as to achieve the highest practical degree of uniformity in materials or products, or interchangeability of parts used within or on those products.

#### § 101-29.203 Federal specification.

A *Federal specification* is a specification, issued in the Federal series, that is mandatory for use by all Federal agencies. These documents are issued or controlled by the General Services Administration and are listed in the GSA "Index of Federal Specifications, Standards and Commercial Item Descriptions."

#### § 101-29.204 Interim Federal specification.

An *interim Federal specification* is a potential Federal specification issued in temporary form for optional use by all Federal agencies. Interim amendments to Federal Specifications and

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amendments to interim Federal specifications are included in this definition. These documents are issued or controlled by the General Services Administration and are listed in the GSA “Index of Federal Specifications, Standards and Commercial Item Descriptions.”

### § 101-29.205 Federal standard.

A *Federal standard* is a standard, issued in the Federal series, that is mandatory for use by all Federal agencies. These documents are issued or controlled by the General Services Administration and are listed in the GSA “Index of Federal Specifications, Standards and Commercial Item Descriptions.”

### § 101-29.206 Interim Federal standard.

An *interim Federal standard* is a potential Federal standard issued in temporary form for optional use by all Federal agencies. These documents are issued or controlled by the General Services Administration, primarily for use in the telecommunication functional area.

### § 101-29.207 Qualified products list (QPL).

A *qualified products list* is a list of products that have met the qualification requirements stated in the applicable specification, including appropriate product identification and test or qualification reference number, with the name and plant address of the manufacturer and distributor, as applicable. Documents that contain QPL requirements are listed in the GSA “Index of Federal Specifications, Standards and Commercial Item Descriptions.”

### § 101-29.208 Commercial item description (CID).

A *commercial item description* is an indexed, simplified product description that describes by function or performance characteristics of available, acceptable commercial products that will satisfy the Government’s needs. These documents are issued or controlled by the General Services Administration and are listed in the GSA “Index of Federal Specifications, Standards and Commercial Item Descriptions.”

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### § 101-29.209 Purchase description.

A *purchase description* is any informal product description prepared for one-time use only or for small purchases when issuance of a formal product description is not cost effective.

### § 101-29.210 Product.

The term *product* is any end item, either manufactured or produced, and also includes materials, parts, components, subassemblies, equipment, accessories, attachments, and services.

### § 101-29.211 Product description.

A *product description* is a description of a product for acquisition and management purposes. Product descriptions include specifications, standards, commercial item descriptions, purchase descriptions, and brand-name purchase descriptions.

### § 101-29.212 Tailoring.

*Tailoring* is a process by which the individual requirements (sections, paragraphs or sentences) or product descriptions are evaluated to determine the extent to which each requirement is most suitable for a specific acquisition and the modification of these requirements, where necessary, to ensure that each document invoked achieves and optimal balance between operational needs and costs.

### § 101-29.213 Commercial product.

A *commercial product* is any item, component, or system available from stock or regular production that is sold in substantial quantities to the general public at established catalog or market prices (for definition of terms, see FPR 1-3.807.1).

### § 101-29.214 Commercial-type product.

A *commercial-type product* is defined as:

(a) Any product similar to the commercial product but modified or altered in compliance with specified Government requirements and, as such is usually sold only to the Government and not through the normal catalog or retail outlets;

(b) Any product similar to a commercial product that is either assembled or